



St Clare of Assisi Catholic Church

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Psalter Week II 19th APRIL 2020 DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY Year of The Word



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

In a series of revelations to St. Maria Faustina Kowalska in the 1930s, our Lord called for a special feast day to be celebrated on the Sunday after Easter. Today, we know that feast as Divine Mercy Sunday, named by St John Paul II at the canonization of St. Faustina on April 30, 2000.

My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and a shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy... . On that day are opened all the divine floodgates through which graces flow. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity. Everything that exists has come from the very depths of My most tender mercy. Every soul in its relation to Me will contemplate My love and mercy throughout eternity.

OUR NEW WEBSITE

We would like to thank George Craggs for the very many hours over 2 years in developing our excellent new website Thanks and congratulations George for an job very well done

As well as our brand new St Clare's Website (link below) and we also have an email system for the Parish for newsletters etc. also kindly set up by George .

If you haven't already done so, can you please email him to opt in/ subscribe at: george@stclares.co.uk If your email address has changed please update it too. You can also subscribe from the website:

YEAR OF THE WORD

Virtually everyone in earliest times held that the first and fourth Gospels were penned by the apostles Matthew (the tax collector) and John (son of Zebedee), both of whom were companions and eyewitnesses of Jesus during his ministry. The situation is different in the case of the second and third Gospels which primitive testimony ascribes to two apostolic associates Mark (also called John; see Acts 15:37) and Luke (the physician; Col 4:14). These individuals were not personal companions of Jesus but worked in close collaboration with the apostles Peter and Paul (Col 4:11, 14:2, Tim 4:11, Pet 5:13) -Curtis Mitch

During lock down and personal isolation we have a golden opportunity to further our knowledge of the Gospels which give us unique access to the words and deeds of Jesus

Our sick, elderly, housebound and those in care homes are important members of our parish community. New names are in Bold Type. Please remember to pray for them each day as they carry their cross ,

Dot Bell, Veronica Creaney, W. Downes, Mary Frain, David Gardiner, Michelle Gentile, Katie Gray, Gwyn Harris, Lorna Jarvis, Judy Kearney, Ann Leach, Peter Lloyd, Rosemary McCabe, Kevin McCarthy, Gwen Spurr, Krysia Wesalak, Eileen Wyatt.

IF YOU NEED FOOD

The food bank system works on a voucher referral system. A referral voucher is **required** to receive food aid. Please contact the CWAC Help scheme about how to receive one.

<https://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/residents/housing-benefit-council-tax/help.aspx> If you have no online access, you can call 0300 123 7065 for advice.

Cheshire West and Chester Helpline for People in the Vulnerable Groups:

To provide advice and support, and where necessary make arrangements for food, medicines and social contact. Telephone: 0300 123 7031 open 8am to 7pm.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

-(Fr. Emeka's private Mass)
Sunday: Kathleen Mary Bratherton
Monday: Parishioners
Tuesday: Aleck Shone
Wednesday: Anthony RIP
Thursday: Steven Gentile
Friday: Winifred Freda
Saturday: Pat Cleaver

If you wish for a Mass to be offered for your intentions simply send an email or text Fr. Emeka with the intention attached.

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS:

If you wish to set up a Standing Order either permanently or in order to continue to make your regular Offertory giving to the Parish during the period when Mass is not being celebrated in public, Please send an email to Mike Russell (from the Diocesan Planned Giving & Gift Aid Service) including your name, phone number and name of the Parish. Mike's email address is : mike.russell@dioceseofshrewsbury.org



ST CLARE'S SVP CONFERENCE

Most of St Clare's SVP Conference are still in lock down and as the pandemic is still ongoing visiting is not possible. Conference members keep contact with beneficiaries by phone, text and e-mail where that communication is possible. Zoom meetings take place where possible.

There is funding available for any beneficiary in need so if anyone is aware of where this can be used then please get in contact. You and yours keep safe and well. God bless. Steve (01244671817) Stevebonsall@outlook.com

ROSARY CORNER

"If our age in its pride laughs at and rejects Our Lady's Rosary, a countless legion of the most saintly men of every age and of every condition have not only held it most dear and have most piously recited it but have also used it at all times as a most powerful weapon to overcome the devil, to preserve the purity of their lives, to acquire virtue more zealously, in a word, to promote peace among men."-Pope Pius XI

St Clare's Catholic Primary School



It was a very different Easter this year, however pupils enjoyed sharing their Easter creations. Lexie made this lovely Easter garden, whilst Levi created this wonderful Easter wreath which tracks the events of Easter. All our Key Stage One pupils received Easter Eggs when school closed.

